

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. Also, the Examiner is thanked for speaking with Applicant's representatives about the present claim amendments during the interview on February 20, 2008.

Claims 1 and 12 are hereby amended. Claims 21-28 are hereby added. Claims 5, 8 and 17 were previously cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-16 and 18-28 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Applicant notes that claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-16 and 18-28 were allowed by the Examiner prior to the Declaration of Interference on November 21, 2007. Applicant has significantly narrowed the scope of the previously allowed claims to more clearly define the desired scope of protection. More specifically, Applicant has deleted the claim language that was the basis for the Declaration of Interference, namely, "wherein, each R is independently or simultaneously selected from" hydrogen atom, phenyl, or C₁-C₈ hydrocarbon. Because the claims were previously allowed and because Applicant has only narrowed the scope of the claims, Applicant respectfully submits the application is in condition for allowance.

Further, during the Interview, the Examiner noted that new claim 21 was similar to previously cancelled claim 5, which was previously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Applicant respectfully points out that it is not inherent that the compound represented by Formula 1a, as recited in new claim 21, is a p-type organic semiconductor. Accordingly, Applicant submits any rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 would be improper.

The application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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